

**Audubon Society of Omaha Board Meeting
August 6, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Bennett Amdor.

Board members present

Bennett Amdor, 2nd VP
Melissa Sitze, Treasurer
Virginia Stauffer, Secretary
Betty Fullerton
Steve Geddes
Roger Carol
Betty Fullerton

Other members present

Glenn Pollock
Anne Maguire

Board members absent

Christine Prescott, President
Conor Gearin, 1st VP
Katy Simmons
Amy Campagna
Trevor Pellerite
Kyle Finley

Meeting Agenda

- Approval of June meeting minutes
- Forms to complete and sign (we do this every year)
- Request funds - Glenn Pollock will present specifics
- Election of interim president
- Need for Exec. Admin.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of June 4, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Key count

Conflict form signed by all in attendance

Form must be signed each year by BoD, officers and committee chairs when needed. All present filled out forms and signed them.

Glenn Pollock Prairie Update

Glenn reports that we have a long-standing, unofficial partnership with Land Stewardship Program at Fontenelle and Hitchcock, in regards to exchange of burn services, assistance, etc. he proposed that ASO make a donation to Fontenelle Forest of \$2500. Amount requested by Glenn was based on hours worked on our prairie. Motion was made to approve donation/gift after determining that funds would be paid from account earmarked for conservation efforts in Douglas County. Motion was seconded and then approved unanimously

Melissa will write check after Bennett confirms name of organization that check will be made out to.

Cuming City Cemetery Prairie - Pheasants Forever and NRCS will donate \$1500.00 to help with brush removal/eradication, but ASO needs to sign contract. Bennett reviewed and signed contract confirming terms of reimbursement. ASO will spend money to complete work and then we will be reimbursed by Pheasants Forever. Motion was made, seconded and voted to approve.

Glenn also asked for permission to work with NRSC for future grants.

ANNE reported on field trips and programs for September and October

During discussion Anne asked if funds are available for programs, specifically for the Fontenelle Forest OWL program for October. Cost will be \$175. Melissa reported amount in budget allocated for programming.

September 12 program will be with Nebraska Wildlife Rehab at DJ's dugout

September 14 field trip Trevor will be leading trip at Lake Cunningham/Grasslands Unlimited

October 10 Conor and Bennett will lead field trip at Glacier Creek - evening walk with bird and plant ID.

October 23 member program will be with Fontenelle Forest and they are bringing OWLS

Election of new president

Christine Prescott resigned her post as president during June 2024. She is leaving the area due to a career opportunity and will no longer be able to perform her duties. When she announced her departure, Christine requested nominations for president. Virginia Stauffer nominated Anne Maguire for the office and Anne agreed to run. During board meeting Anne's experience and interests were discussed. Motion was made to hold a vote for new president and seconded. Board voted unanimously to elect Anne Maguire as president for the 2024-2025 term.

OPEN ADMIN POSITION status was reported by Bennett and Virginia – one candidate has expressed interest, but we are still waiting on a proposal from her to bring to the board for review. If candidate is no longer interested it was decided that ASO should advertise our RFP contract on Indeed.

Bird Seed Sale

Betty updated board about the Fall Bird Seed Sale. Sale goes live on September 3, the Tuesday after Labor Day weekend. Betty will print and send mailers to past customers AND send email to past customers and those who have opted in our email list. Orders are due by October 2 and pick up of orders will be Bird Seed Sale Oct. 12 and 13. Volunteer request will appear in the Sept/October newsletter.

Other business

Bennett is putting together his nominating committee

ASO still has one open position on the board for a director

Virginia will update email contact info on ASO website for Roger Carroll AND re-activate ASO email address for Anne.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.